

MODERN SECURE BOOT ATTACKS: BYPASSING HARDWARE ROOT OF TRUST FROM SOFTWARE

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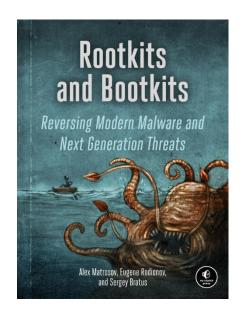
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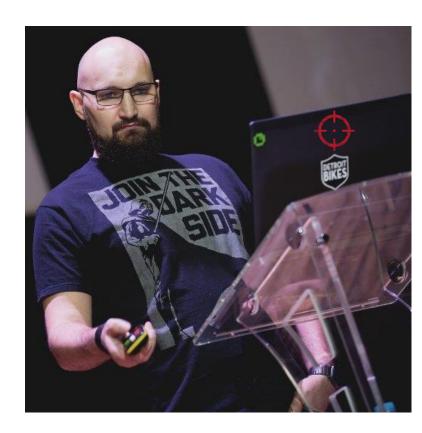


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Rootkits and Bootkits

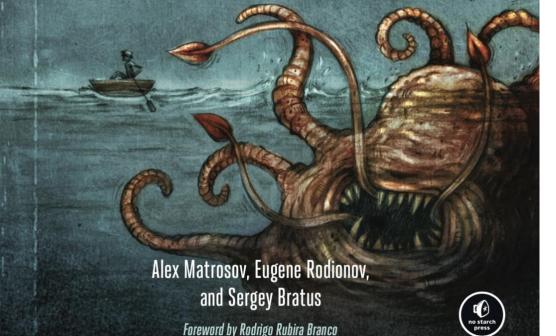
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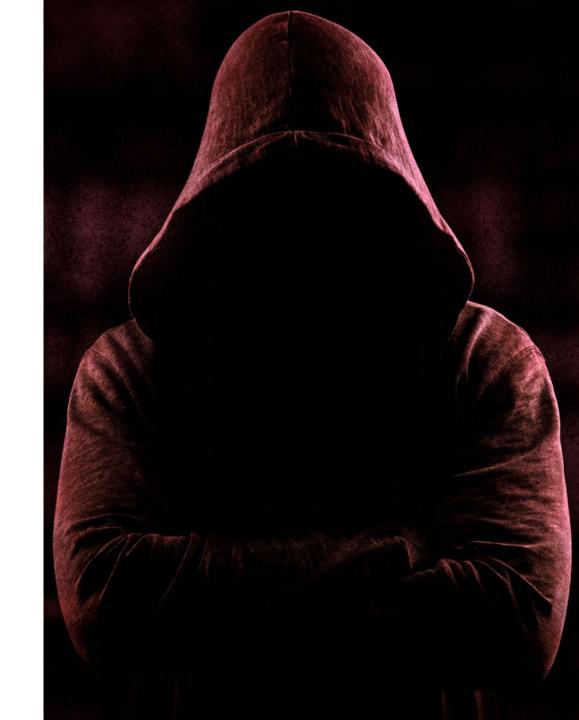
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REsearch Target

Lenovo P50



Gigabyte | ASUS | MSI about care about don't care security it's too easy What is Hardware Root of Trust?



- Computrace Never Dies
 - ✓ OS Enable/Disable
 - ✓ Permanent Disabling is a joke o O
- ⊕ SMI over WMI is too evil ₩
 - ✓ SMM communications without ring-0
 - ✓ WMI-based fileless FW rootkits?
- EC is not a security boundary (*EC – Embedded Controller)







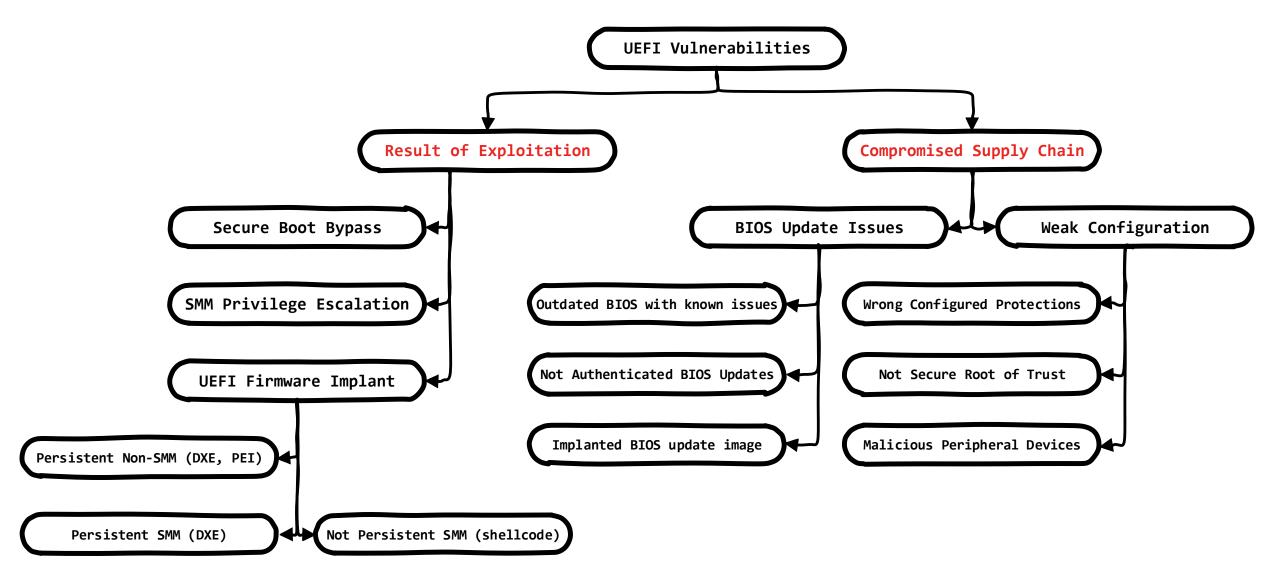
Hardware Root of Trust

WTF Hardware Root of Trust?

- Root of Trust baked in pure Hardware?
 - ✓ Cant be extracted/modified from software (developed in RTL)?
 - √ not flexible with OEM's
 - √ hard to support in the field (updates and etc.)
 - √ hard to implement secure way to cooperate with firmware on the same chip
- ➤ In the most of the cases Hardware Root of Trust it's a mix between firmware and locked in the FUSE value or by specific bit.

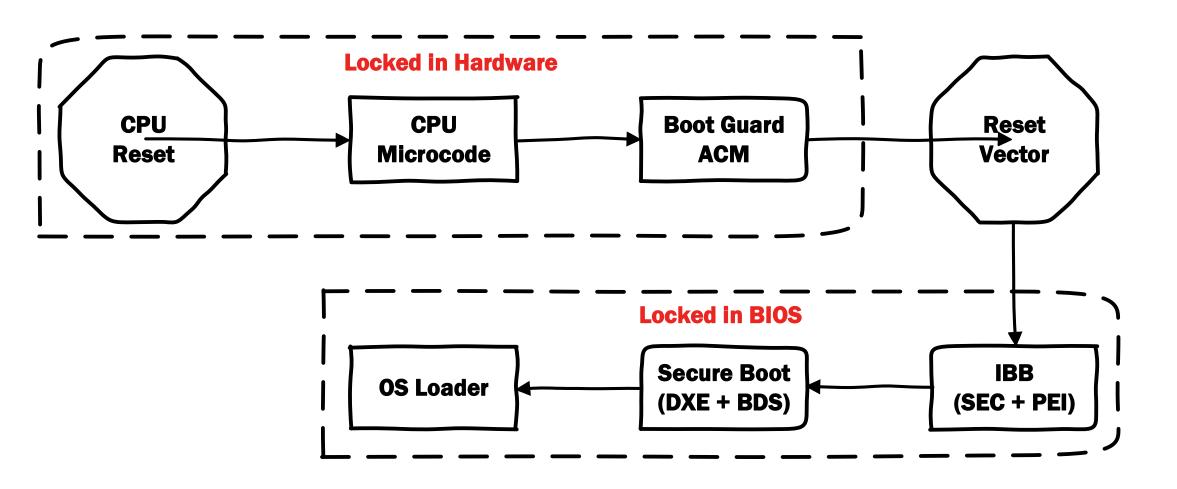
Secure state transition between hardware and firmware is hard. It's always something missing.

UEFI vulns classification



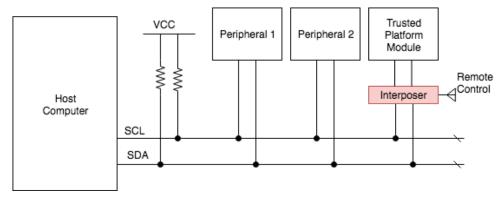
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Boot Guard: Boot Flow in Perfect World



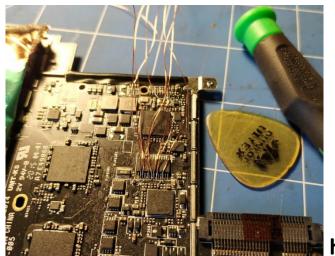
HW Root of Trust: TPM is broken?

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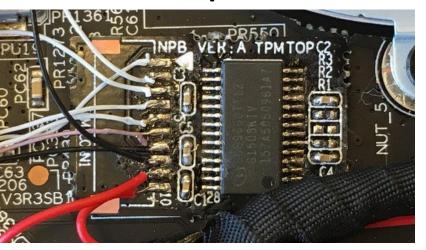


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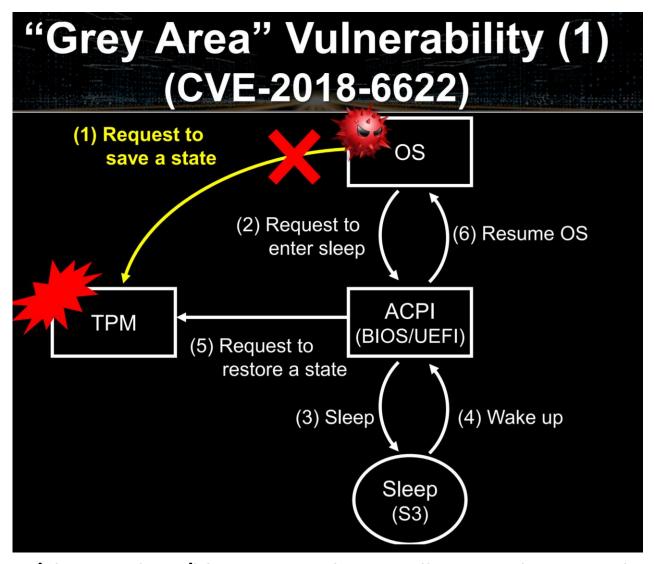


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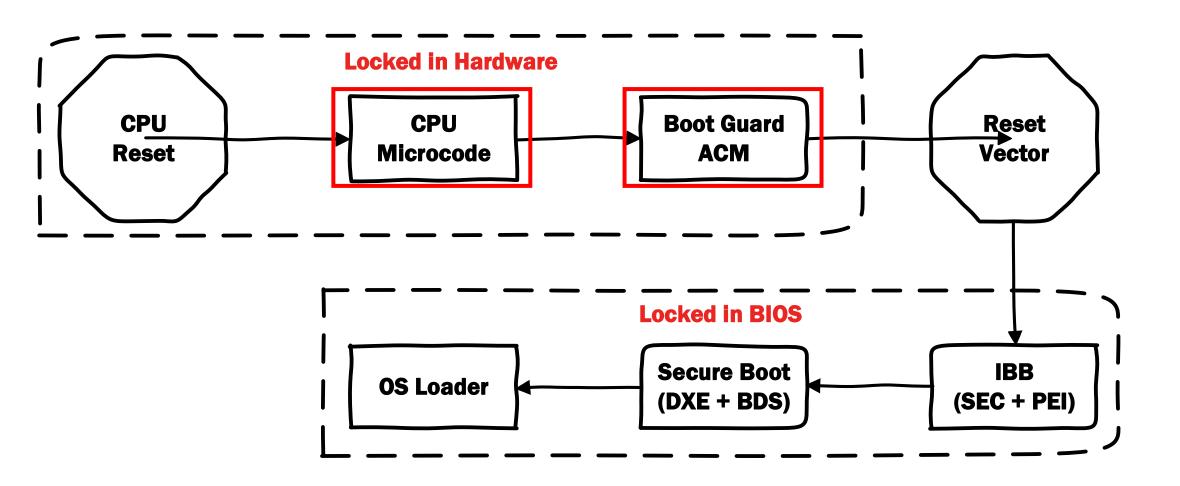
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Boot Guard: Boot Flow in REAL World



But world is not perfect:)

	✓Microcode Intel microcode Volume free space				File Microcode Free space	Raw Intel
	Padding				Padding	Non-empty
Pa	arser FIT	Security	Sear	ch Bu	ilder	
	Address	Size	Version	Checksum	Туре	Information
1	FIT_	00000080h	0100h	13h	FIT Header	
2 (00000000FFE10060h	00018400h	0100h	00h	Microcode	CPUID: 000506E3h, Revision: 000000C6h, Date: 17.04.2018
3	00000000FFEB8000h	00008000h	0100h	00h	BIOS ACM	LocalOffset: 00008000h, EntryPoint: 00003BB1h, ACM SVN: 0002h, Date: 24.06.2015
4 (00000000FFFE0000h	00002000h	0100h	00h	BIOS Init	
5 (00000000FFEC0000h	00012000h	0100h	00h	BIOS Init	
6	00000000FFDD0000h	00003000h	0100h	00h	BIOS Init	
7	00000000FFEB5000h	00000241h	0100h	00h	BootGuard Key Manifest	LocalOffset: 00005000h, KM Version: 10h, KM SVN: 00h, KM ID: 01h
8	00000000FFEB2000h	000002D3h	0100h	00h	BootGuard Boot Policy	LocalOffset: 00002000h, BP SVN: 00h, ACM SVN: 02h





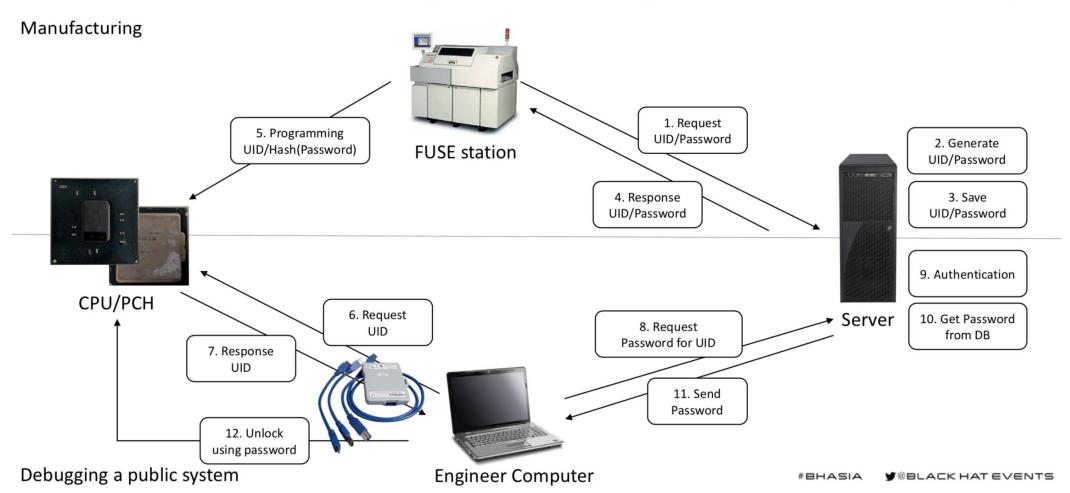
Why don't lock everything in HW?

- Hardware not flexible and expensive
 - ✓ OEM's don't like locked secrets (supply chain)
 - √ The cost for the vulnerabilities very high (no updates)

- > All the vendors reducing HW locked secrets
 - ✓ Even one locked bit in HW allow to say about HW locked feature
 - ✓ Mix Hardware + Firmware is common in actual implementation

HW manufacturing supply chain is very complex





https://www.blackhat.com/asia-19/briefings/schedule/index.html#intel-visa-through-the-rabbit-hole-13513



Intel Boot Guard: New Ways to Bypass

oops I did it again

- > Recovery mode is evil 😈
- ➤ Secure transition Chain of Trust on different boot stages is slow hard

- ➤ In most of the cases without hard reset Root of Trust moves to pure software for performance
- > Enterprise hardware need remote update tools

> Nobody use Intel BIOS Guard even Intel:)

```
How
            Flashing motherboard firmware:
            Current revision: BNKBL357.86A.0061.2017.1221.1952
            Updating to revision: BNKBL357.86A.0063.2018.0413.1542
     Rec
            Preparing image for Intel(R) Management Engine firmware ... [done]
            Preparing image for BackUp Recovery Block firmware ... [done]
            Preparing image for Boot Block firmware ... [done]
            Preparing image for Recovery Block firmware ... [done]
                                                                                  erent
             Preparing image for Main Block firmware ... [done]
   boot
            Preparing image for Graphic firmware ... [done]
             Preparing image for FV Data firmware ... [done]
             Flashing image for Intel(R) Management Engine firmware ... [done]
             Flashing image for BackUp Recovery Block firmware ... [done]
             Flashing image for Boot Block firmware ... [done]
             Flashing image for Recovery Block firmware ... [done]
 > In
                                                                                  Root
             Flashing image for Main Block firmware ... [done]
             Flashing image for Graphic firmware ... [done]
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              Flashing image for FV Data firmware ... [done]
              Flash update has completed successfully.
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[esp+70h+Sha256Buffer]
text:FFF145EA
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                               call
                                        Sha256Init
text:FFF145F3
                               push
                                        [esi+BOOT GUARD DXE HASH CONTAINER.Block1Size]
text:FFF145F6
                                        [esi+BOOT GUARD DXE HASH CONTAINER.Block1BaseAddress]
                               push
text:FFF145F9
                               push
                                        [esp+7Ch+Sha256Buffer]
                               call
                                        Sha256Calc
text:FFF145FD
text:FFF14602
                               lea
                                        eax, [esp+80h+Block1CalculatedHash]
text:FFF14606
                               push
                                        eax
text:FFF14607
                               push
                                        [esp+84h+Sha256Buffer]
                               call
                                        Sha256Calc2
text:FFF1460B
text:FFF14610
                               push
                                        ebx
                                        eax, [esp+8Ch+Block1CalculatedHash]
text:FFF14611
                               lea
text:FFF14615
                               push
text:FFF14616
                               add
                                        esi, BOOT_GUARD_DXE_HASH_CONTAINER.Block1Sha256Hash
text:FFF14619
                               push
                                        esi
                               call
                                        Compare
text:FFF1461A
text:FFF1461F
                               add
                                        esp, 24h
text:FFF14622
                               test
                                        eax, eax
text:FFF14624
                               jnz
                                        short ReturnError
                                        byte ptr [edi+(size EFI HOB GUID TYPE)], 1; VerificationResult
text:FFF14626
text:FFF1462A
text:FFF1462A ReturnOk:
                                                        ; CODE XREF: UnknownCallBack+14F^j
                                                        ; UnknownCallBack+154<sup>†</sup>j
text:FFF1462A
text:FFF1462A
                               mov
                                        eax, [esp+70h+ExitCode]
text:FFF1462E
                               jmp
                                        short exit
text:FFF14630
text:FFF14630
text:FFF14630 ReturnError:
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                                                         : UnknownCallBack+1901i
text:FFF14630
                                        byte ptr [edi+(size EFI HOB GUID TYPE)], 10h; VerificationResult
text:FFF14630
                               and
                               call
                                        GetPeiServices
text:FFF14634
text:FFF14639
                                        ecx, [eax]
                               mov
text:FFF1463B
                               push
                                        ebx
                                                        : BootMode
                                                        ; PeiServices
text:FFF1463C
                               push
                                        eax
text:FFF1463D
                               call
                                        [ecx+EFI PEI SERVICES.SetBootMode]
text:FFF14640
                               pop
                                        ecx
text:FFF14641
                               pop
                                        ecx
                               call
                                        InstallBootInRecoveryModePpi
text:FFF14642
text:FFF14647
                               xor
                                        eax, eax
text:FFF14649
text:FFF14649 exit:
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text:FFF1464A
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                                        ebx
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text:FFF1464C
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                                        ebp
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                                ebx
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text:FFF14649 exit:
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                                 ebx
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text:FFF1464C
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                                esp, ebp
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text:FFF1464F
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                                                                 lea
                                                                       eax, [esp+8Ch+Block1CalculatedHash]
                                          text:FFF14611
                                                              Sha256Calc2
    text:FFF1460B
                                                  call
          (memcmp(&HashContainer.BlockHash, &CalculatedHash, SHA256_DIGEST_SIZE))
                *(BootGuardPeiHob + 0x18) = 0; // The stored value (verification result)
    else
                                                                                 // is ignored!
                 // Start Recovery!
    text:FFF14626
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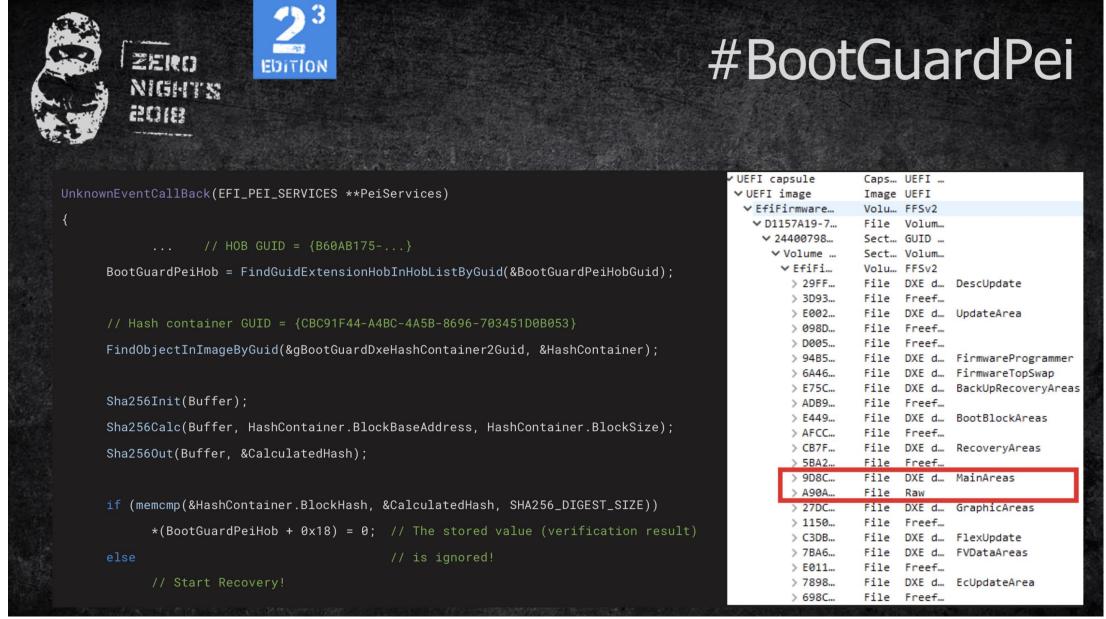
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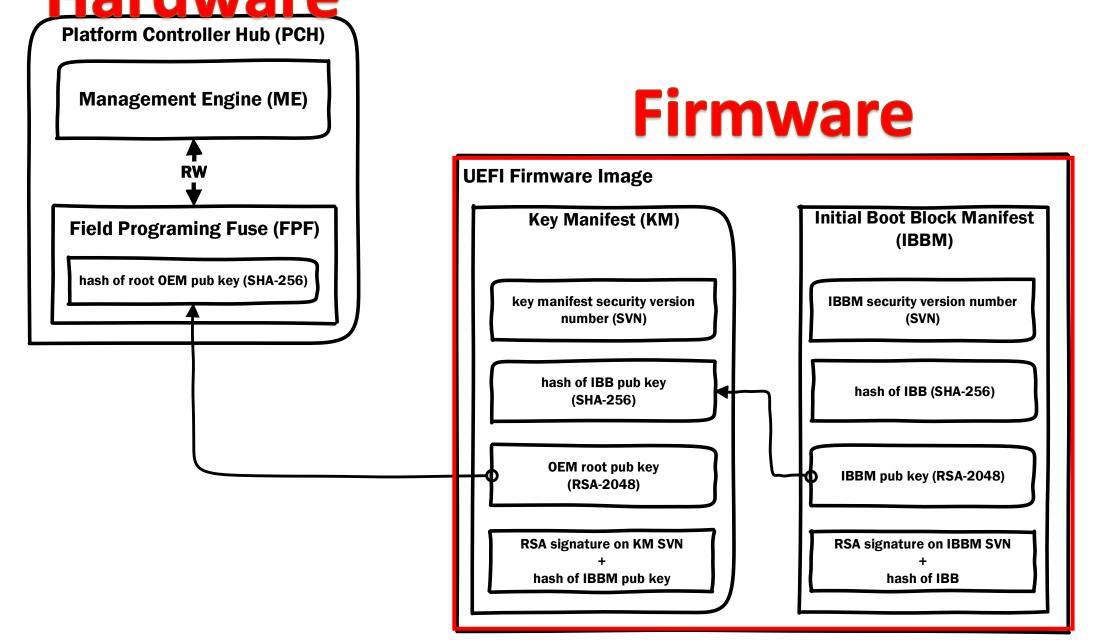
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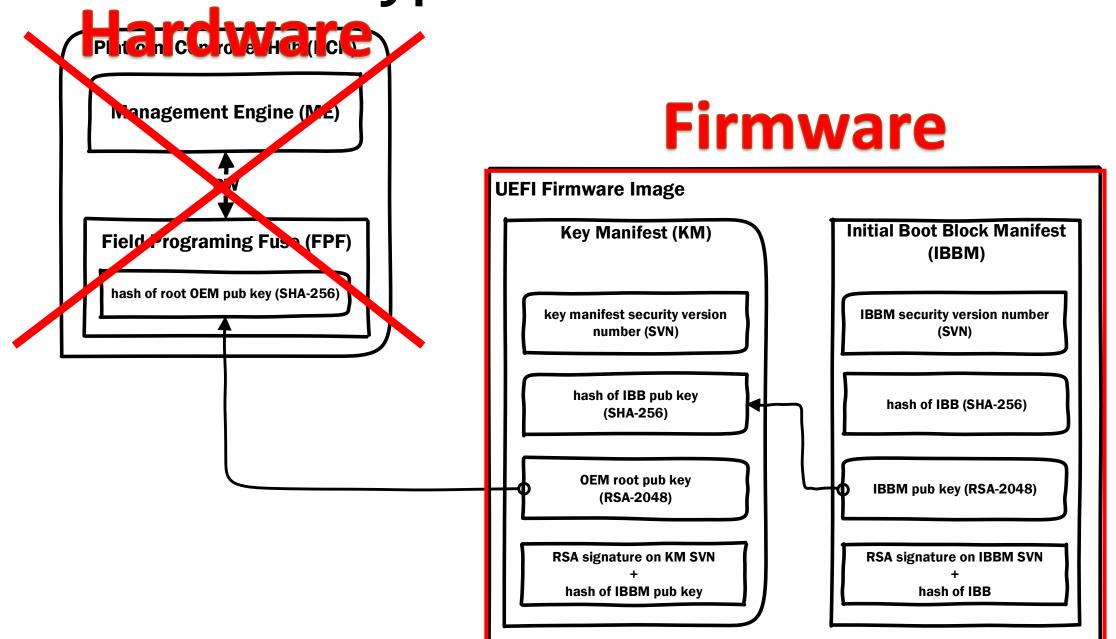


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Boot Guard Bypass



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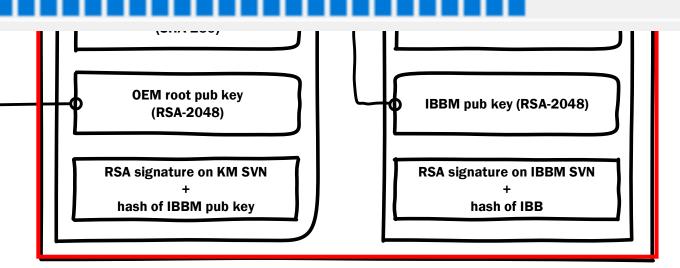


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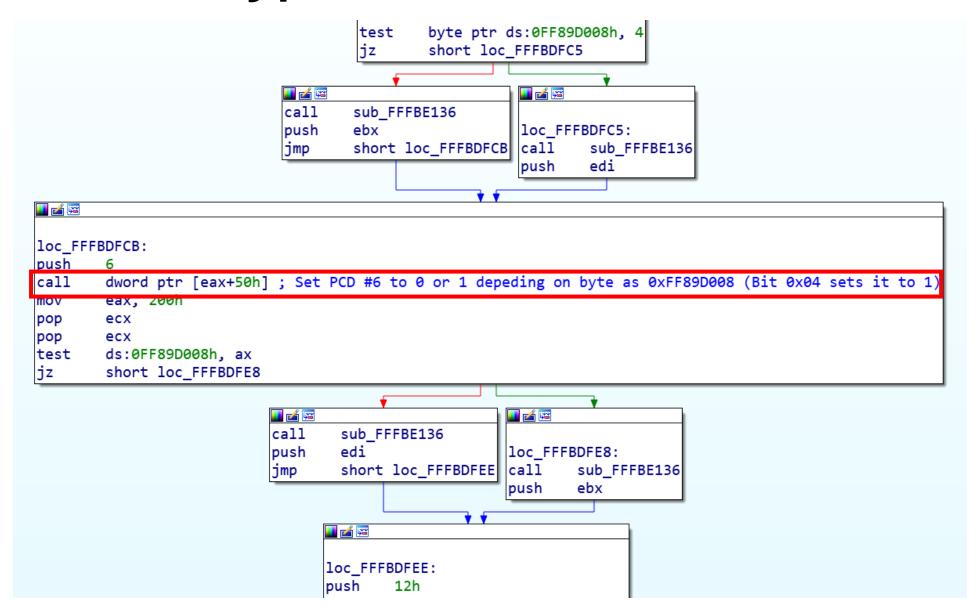
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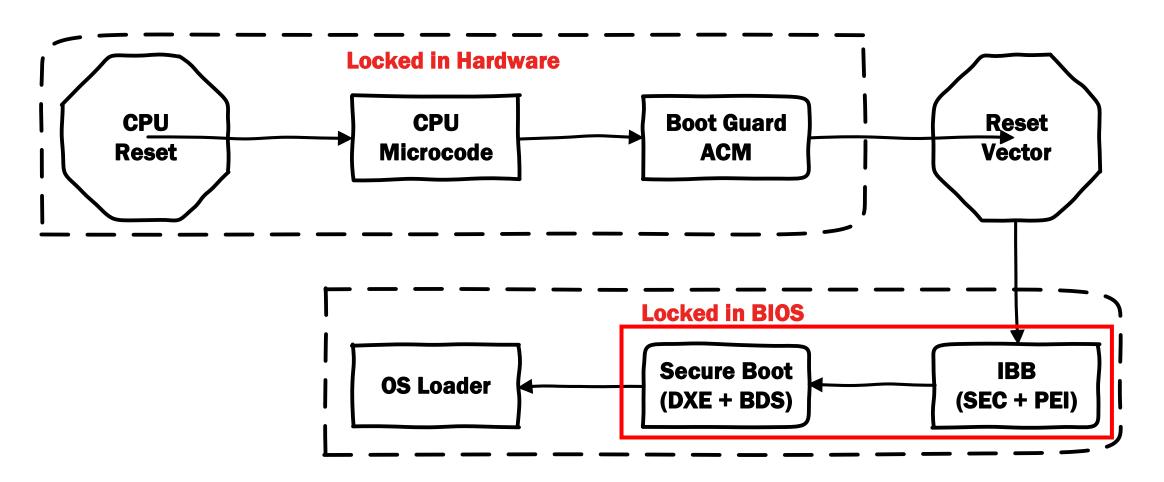
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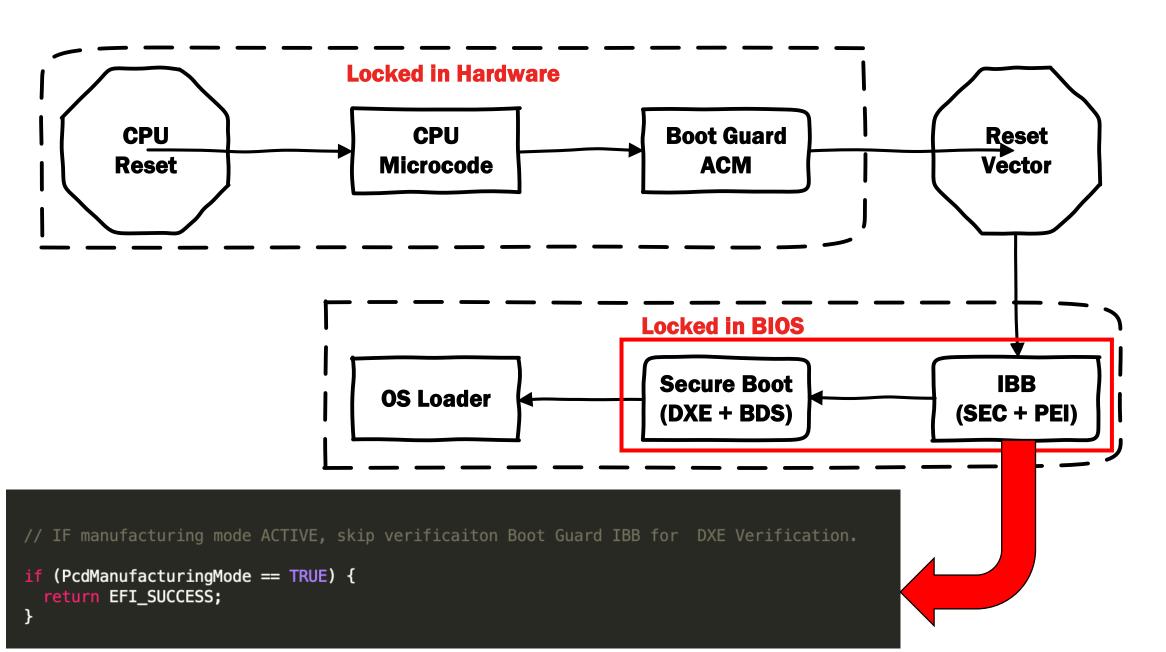
Boot Guard Bypass: LenovoPcdInit



Boot Guard: Boot Flow in ACTIVE manufacturing mode

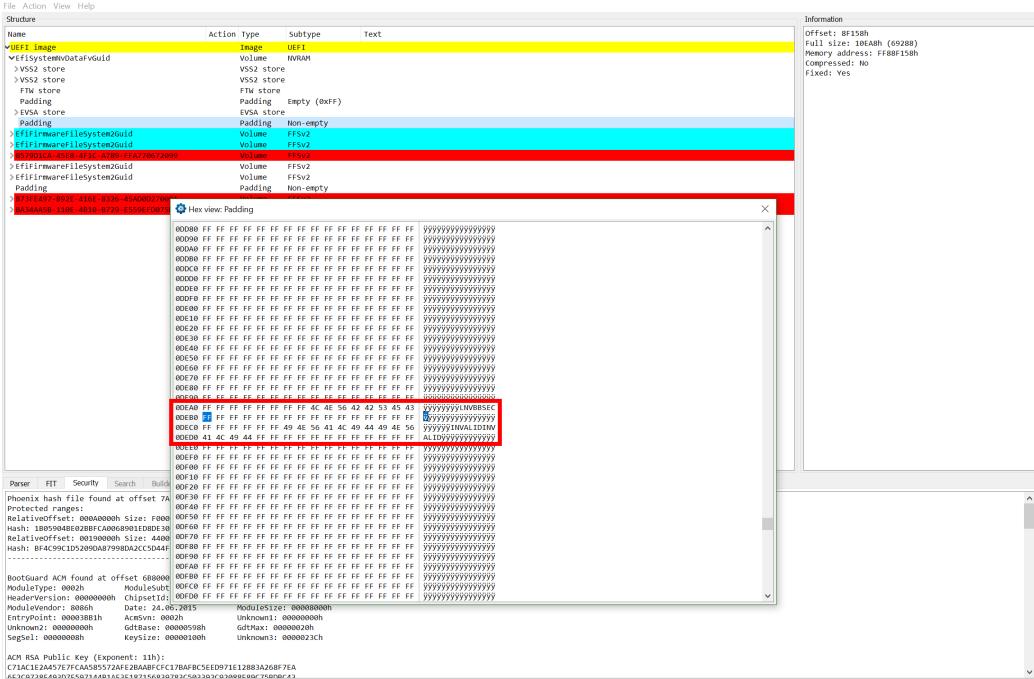


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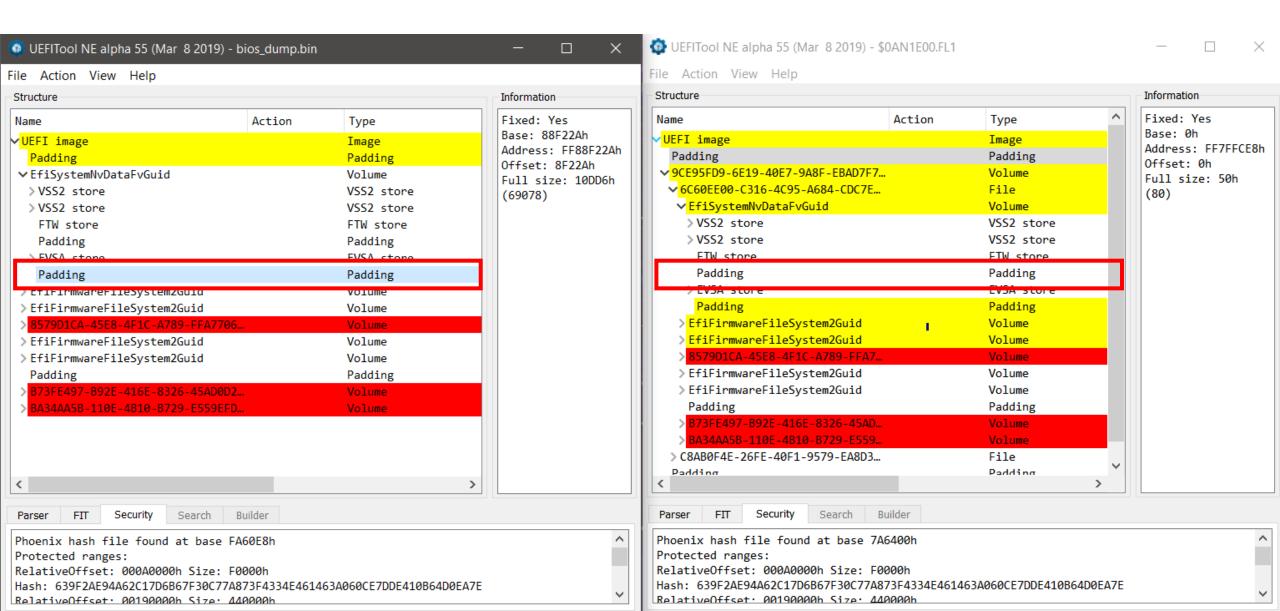


Boot Guard Bypass: Where Lenovo PCD stored?

	1.71	1 ** 1
∨ <mark>UEFI image</mark>	Image	UEFI
✓ EfiSystemNvDataFvGuid	Volume	NVRAM
∨VSS2 store	VSS2 store	
Free space	Free space	
∨VSS2 store	VSS2 store	
Free space	Free space	
FTW store	FTW store	
Padding	Padding	Empty (0xFF)
> EVSA store	EVSA store	
Padding	Padding	Non-empty
> EfiFirmwareFileSystem2Guid	Volume	FFSv2
> EfiFirmwareFileSystem2Guid	Volume	FFSv2
> 8579D1CA-45E8-4F1C-A789-FFA7706	Volume	FFSv2
> EfiFirmwareFileSystem2Guid	Volume	FFSv2
> EfiFirmwareFileSystem2Guid	Volume	FFSv2
Padding	Padding	Non-empty
> B73FE497-B92E-416E-8326-45AD0D2	Volume	FFSv2



Boot Guard Bypass: Going deeper with SPI dump



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	Only in B			DDD6h	9h	
	■ Match	DDD6h	15h	DDDFh	15h	
	Only in B			DDF4h	18h	
-	■ Match	DDEBh	BDh	DE0Ch	BDh	
	Only in A	DEA8h	8h			
	■ Match	DEB0h	16h	DEC9h	16h	
	Only in A	DEC6h	Eh			
	■ Match	DED4h	EF7h	DEDFh	EF7h	
	Only in B			EDD6h	22h	
	Match	EDCBh	DDh	EDF8h	DDh	
	Only in A	EEA8h	22h			
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Why vendors leave this "backdoors"?

Creating recover process for broken BIOS updates possible (even remotely).

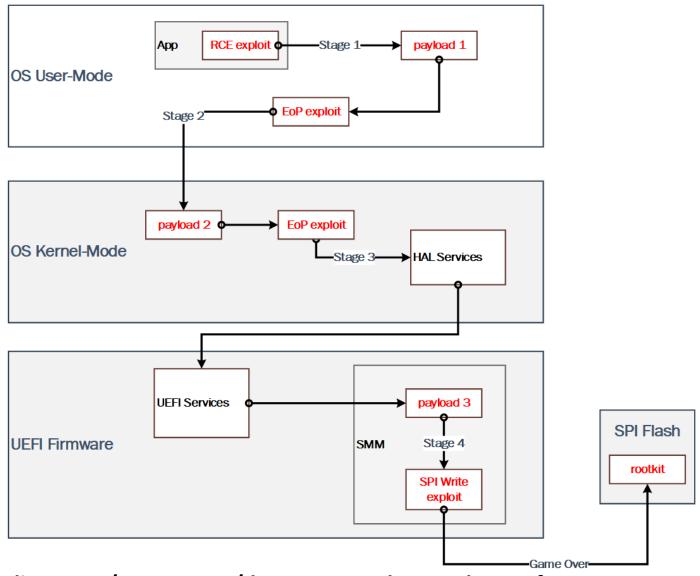
But leaving "backdoors" is always create another problems even more serious.

- ➤ Enterprise market need stable solutions right? ◎
- Replace broken HW is expensive way but only one which guarantees security process for system recovery



SMI over WMI is evil

How many exploits you need?



https://medium.com/@matrosov/dangerous-update-tools-c246f7299459

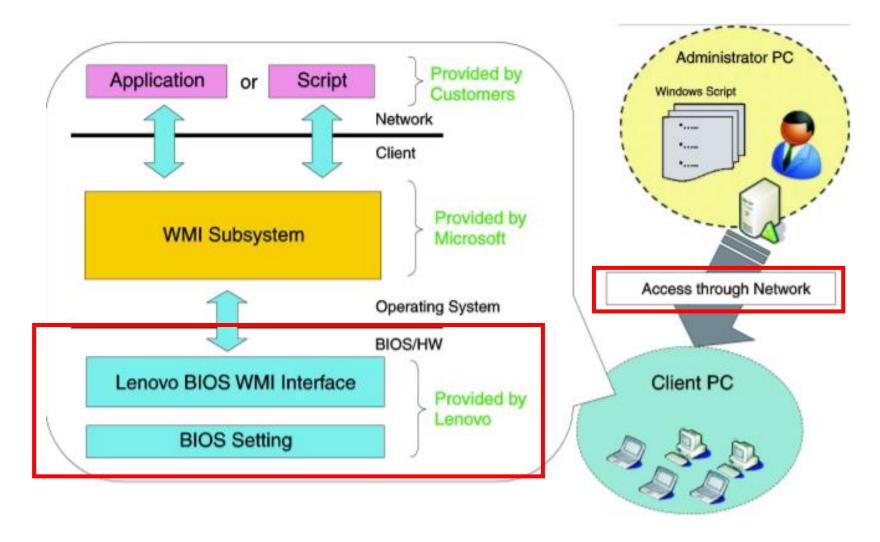
How this REsearch get started?

```
PS C:\Users\
               Get-WmiObject -Query "Select * from Win32_Bios"
SMBIOSBIOSVersion : N1EET79W (1.52 )
Manufacturer : LENOVO
Name : N1EET79W (1.52 )
SerialNumber : PC0B7VJT
             : LENOVO - 1520
Version
SMBIOSBIOSVersion: 1.11.0
Manufacturer : Dell Inc.
           : 1.11.0
Name
SerialNumber : 70BJMH2
Version
       : DELL - 1072009
```

How this REsearch get started?

```
PS C:\Users\
                            Get-WmiObject -Query "Select * from Win32_Bios"
          SMBIOSBIOSVersion : N1EET79W (1.52 )
             Upgrading to Windows 10 Version 1709
Running action: Disable Bootguard
          Manufacturer
                          : 1.11.0
          Name
          SerialNumber
                           70BJMH2
          Version
                          : DELL - 1072009
```

SMI over WMI is evil



https://download.lenovo.com/pccbbs/mobiles_pdf/kbl-r_deploy_01.pdf

SMI over

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> <mark>gwmi -</mark>class Lenovo_BiosSetting -namespace root\wmi | ForEach-Object {if ($_.CurrentSetting -ne
") {<mark>write-Host $_.CurrentSetting.replace(","," = ")}}</mark>
wakeOnLAN = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                             EthernetLANOptionROM = Enable
IPv4NetworkStack = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                              IPv6NetworkStack = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                       IPv6Networkstack = Disable
UefiPxeBootPriority = IPv4First
Reserved = Disable
USBBIOSSUpport = Disable
AlwaysonUSB = Disable
TrackPoint = Automatic
TouchPad = Automatic
FnCtrlKeySwap = Disable
FnSticky = Disable
FnKeyAsPrimary = Disable
BootDisplayDevice = LCD
SharedDisplayPriority = Display Port
TotalGraphicsMemory = 512MB
GraphicsDevice = SwitchableGfx
                                                                                                                                                                             GraphicsDevice = SwitchableGfx
BootTimeExtension = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                              SpeedStep = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                      AdaptiveThermalManagementAC = MaximizePerformance
AdaptiveThermalManagementBattery = Balanced
                                                                                                                                                                              CPUPowerManagement = Automatic
OnByAcAttach = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                             PasswordBeep = Disable
KeyboardBeep = Disable
RAIDMode = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                             CoreMultiProcessing = Enable
HyperThreadingTechnology = Enable
AMTControl = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                              LockBIOSSetting = Enable
MinimumPasswordLength = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                               BIOSPasswordAtUnattendedBoot = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                              BIOSPasswordAtReboot = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                               BIOSPasswordAtBootDeviceList = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                              PasswordCountExceededError = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                             rasswordcountexceederror = Enable
FingerprintPredesktopAuthentication = Enable
FingerprintReaderPriority = InternalOnly
FingerprintPasswordAuthentication = Enable
SecurityChip = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                              TXTFeature = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                              PhysicalPresenceForTpmProvision = Disable
PhysicalPresenceForTpmClear = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     etwork
                                                                                                                                                                              BIÓSUpdateByEndUsers = Enable
SecureRollBackPrevention = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                              DataExecutionPrevention = Enable
VirtualizationTechnology = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                              VTdFeature = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                              EthernetLANAccess = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                           wirelessLANAccess = Enable
WirelessWANAccess = Enable
BluetoothAccess = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                            USBPortAccess = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                             UltrabayAccess = Enable
MemoryCardSlotAccess = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                              SmartCardSlotAccess = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                               IntegratedCameraAccess = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                              MicrophoneAccess = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                              FingerprintReaderAccess = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                              ThunderboltAccess = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                               ExpressCardAccess = Disable
                                                                                                                                                                              PCIExpressPowerManagement = Automatic
ExpressCardSpeed = Automatic
RAIDStorage = SATAHDD
                                                                                                                                                                              BottomCoverTamperDetected = Disable
InternalStorageTamper = Disable
ComputraceModuleActivation = Disable
SecureBoot = Enable sGXControl = Enable sGXControl = Enable DeviceGuard = Disable Device
                                                                                                                                                                                BootDeviceListF12Option = Enable
                                                                                                                                                                                BootOrder = USBCD:USBHDD:USBFDD:NVMe0:NVMe1:HDD0:HDD1:HDD2:HDD3:PCILAN
                                                                                                                                                                               NetworkBoot = PCILAN
                                                                                                                                                                              BootOrderLock = Enable
```

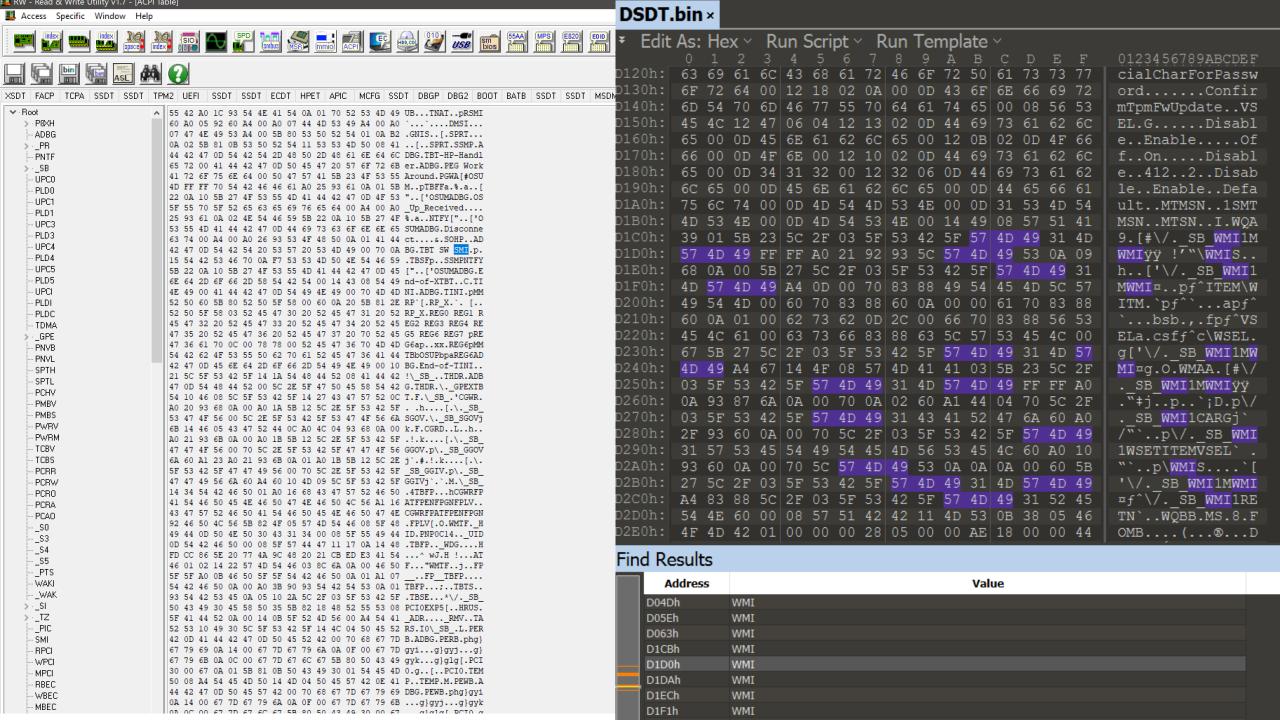
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 AlwaysonUSB = Disable
  TrackPoint = Automatic
  TouchPad = Automatic
  nCtrlKeySwap = Disable
 Fnsticky = Disable
FnKeyAsPrimary = Disable
BootDisplayDevice = LCD
SharedDisplayPriority = Display Port
 TotalGraphicśMemory =́ 512MB
 Graphicsbevice = SẃitchableGfx
  BootTimeExtension = Disable
 SpeedStep = Enable
AdaptiveThermalManagementAC = MaximizePerformance
  AdaptiveThermalManagementBattery = Balanced
  CPUPowerManagement = Automatic
 OnByAcAttach = Disable
  PasswordBeep = Disable
  KeyboardBeep = Disable
 RAIDMode = Disable
 CoreMultiProcessing = Enable
HyperThreadingTechnology = Enable
 AMTCON'S Security Chip = Enable
LockBIO: Security Chip = Enable
Minimum
BIOSPAS: TXTFeature = Disable
BIOSPAS: TXTFeature = Disable
 BIOSPASS PhysicalPresenceForTpmProvision = Disable Fingerp PhysicalPresenceForTpmClear = Disable Fingerp PhysicalPresenceForTpmClear = Disable
 Fingerp BIOSUpdateByEndUsers = Enable TXTFeat; BIOSUpdateByEndUsers = Enable Physica SecureRollBackPrevention = Enable
 Secure DataExecutionPrevention = Enable
 Virtual VirtualizationTechnology = Enable
 wireles:VTdFeature = Enable
 Bluetootnaccess = עוצמטופ
 USBPortAccess = Enable
 UltrabayAccess = Enable
MemoryCardSlotAccess = Enable
  SmartĆardSlotAccess = Enable
  IntegratedCameraAccess = Enable
  MicrophoneAccess = Enable
  FingerprintReaderAccess = Enable
 ThunderboltAccess = Enable
  ExpressCardAccess = Disable
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  SottomCoverTamperDetected = Disable
  InternalStorageTamper = Disable
  ComputraceModuleActivation = Disable
  SecureBoot = Enable
 SGXControl = Enable
  BootDeviceListF12Option = Enable
```

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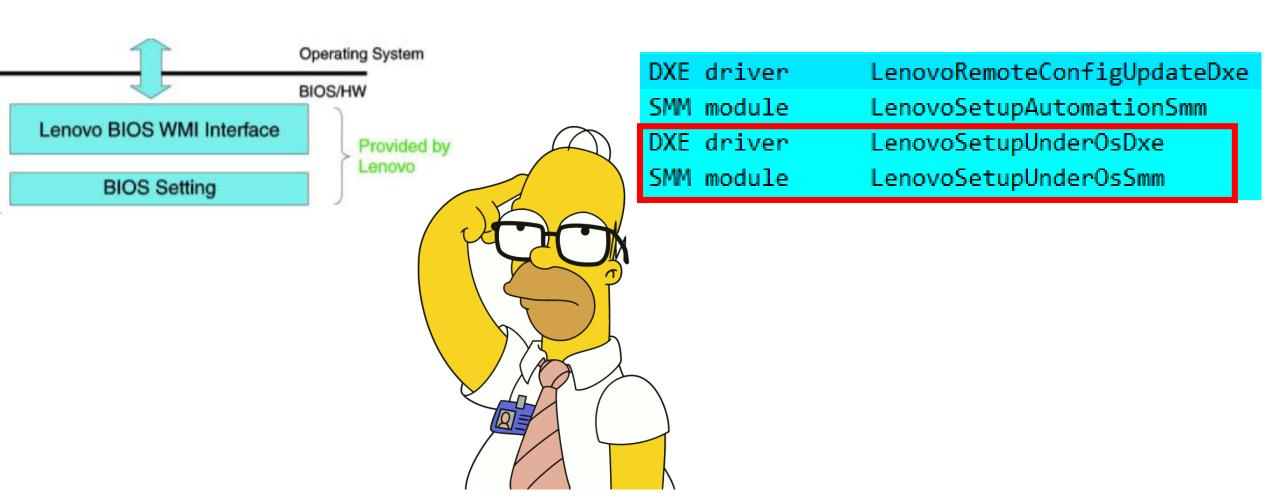
https://download.lenovo.costartupOptionKeys = Enable



```
On Error Resume Next
4
5
    Dim colItems
    If WScript.Arguments.Count <> 3 Then
8
        WScript.Echo "SetSupervisorPassword.vbs [old Password] [new Password] [encoding]"
        WScript.Quit
    End If
10
11
12
    strRequest = "pap," + WScript.Arguments(0) + "," + WScript.Arguments(1) + "," + WScript.Arguments(2) +
13
    strComputer = "LOCALHOST" ' Change as needed.
14
15
    Set objWMIService = GetObject("WinMgmts:" _
16
         &"{ImpersonationLevel=Impersonate}!\\" & strComputer & "\root\wmi")
17
    Set colltems = objWMIService.ExecQuery("Select * from Lenovo SetBiosPassword")
18
    strReturn = "error"
19
    For Each objItem in colItems
20
         ObjItem.SetBiosPassword strRequest, strReturn
21
22
    Next
23
24
    WScript.Echo " SetBiosPassword: "+ strReturn
```

' Update Admnistrator Password

How this REsearch get started?



WTF LenovoSetupUnderOs (Smm/Dxe)?

- > LenovoSetupUnderOsDxe (@D648466-36BD-42c6-B287-7C3BAA2575C@)
 - ✓ Communicate with LenovoPasswordManagerDxe
- LenovoSetupUnderOsSmm (65A72Ø3Ø-BØ2E-4bf3-8424-BA5F2FC56DE7)
 - ➤ Multiple WSMI Handlers (~12 SMI handlers):
 - ✓ Get/Set BiosPassword
 - ✓ Get/Set BiosSettings
- LenovoHiddenSetting
 - ✓ ComputraceDisable
 - ✓ CpuDebugEnable



Setup Automation SMI?

- ChangeConfiguration 0x04
- ChangePassword 0x81
- ChangeBootOrder 0xA7
- > SecureBootConfiguration 0xAE

> It's more: 0x0f, 0x80, 0x82, 0x9F, 0xB4/B6/B8

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Computrace Never Dies

How I back to my old Computrace REsearch





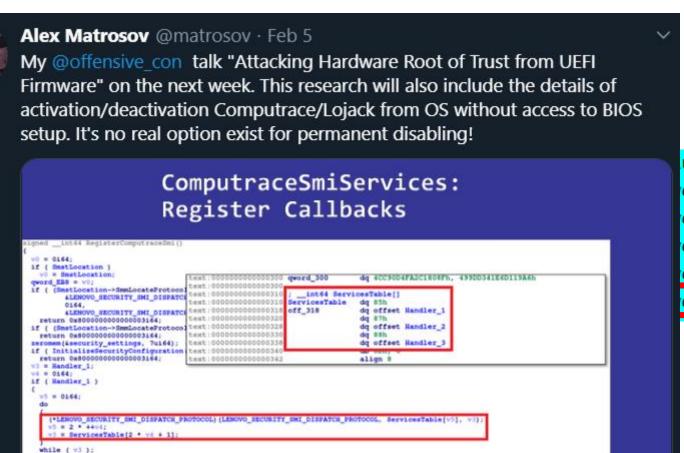
Application	AbsoluteComputraceInstaller
DXE driver	LenovoComputraceEnablerDxe
DXE driver	LenovoComputraceLoaderDxe
SMM module	LenovoComputraceSmiServices
SMM module	LenovoSecuritySmiDispatch
DXE driver	LenovoRemoteConfigUpdateDxe

How I back to my old Computrace REsearch



return 0164;

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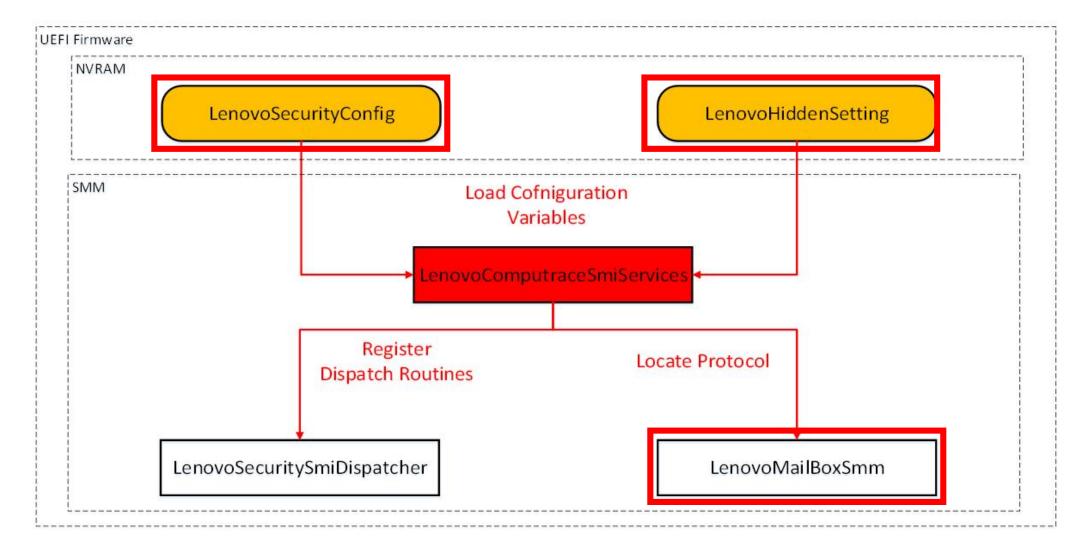
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https://github.com/REhints/Publications/tree/master/Conferences/UEFI%20Firmware%20Rootkits%20Myths%20and%20Reality



Lenovo security configs

```
typedef struct {
 UINT8
          Unknown1[12]
 UINT8
          IntelTXT;
 UINT8
         Unknown2[5];
          UserFlashUpdate;
 UINT8
          Unknown3[15];
 UINT8
 UINT8
          AccessToCamera;
          AccessToMicrophone;
 UINT8
         Unknown4[2];
 UINT8
          Computrace;
 UINT8
          Unknown5[2];
 UINT8
 UINT8
          IntelVT;
 UINT8
          IntelVTD;
 UINT8
         Unknown6[2];
          SecureBoot;
 UINT8
          RollBackPrevention;
 UINT8
 UINT8
          Unknown7[2];
          IntelFTPM;
 UINT8
 UINT8
          Unknown8;
 UINT8
          PwdCountError;
 UINT8
          Unknown9[6];
          DeviceGuard;
 UINT8
          Unknown10[80];
 UINT8
 LENOVO SECURITY_CONFIG;
```

```
signed int64 RegisterComputraceSmi()
  v0 = 0i64;
  if (SmstLocation)
   v0 = SmstLocation;
  qword EB8 = v0;
  if ( (SmstLocation->SmmLocateProtocol(
          &LENOVO SECURITY SMI DISPATCH PROTOCOL GUID,
          0i64,
          &LENOVO_SECURITY_SMI_DISPATCH_PROTOCOL) & 0x80000000000000000000164) != 0i64 )
    return 0x8000000000000003164;
  if ( (SmstLocation->SmmLocateProtocol(&LENOVO_MAILBOX_PROTOCOL_GUID, 0i64, &LENOVO_MAILBOX_PROTOCOL) & 0x8000000000000000000i64) != 0i64 )
    return 0x80000000000000003164;
  zeromem(&security_settings, 7ui64);
  if ( InitializeSecurityConfiguration(v2) < 0 )
    return 0x8000000000000003164;
  v3 = Handler 1;
  v4 = 0i64;
  if ( Handler_1 )
    v5 = 0i64;
    do
      (*LENOVO_SECURITY_SMI_DISPATCH_PROTOCOL) (LENOVO_SECURITY_SMI_DISPATCH_PROTOCOL, ServicesTable[v5], v3);
      v5 = 2 * ++v4;
      v3 = ServicesTable[2 * v4 + 1];
    while (v3);
  return 0i64;
```

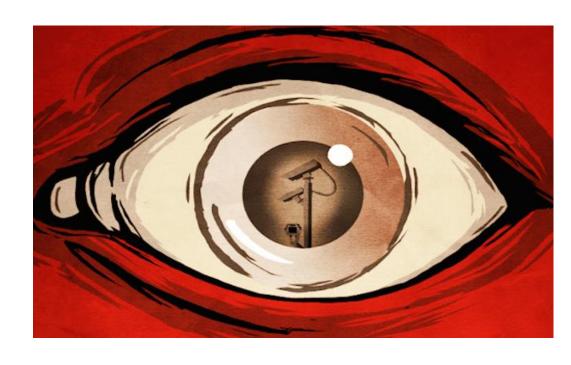
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```
signed int64 RegisterComputraceSmi()
  v0 = 0i64;
  if (SmstLocation)
    v0 = SmstLocation;
                                       text:0000000000000300
                                                                                dq 4CC90D4FA2C1808Fh,
  qword EB8 = v0;
                                        text:00000000000000300
  if ( (SmstLocation->SmmLocateProtoco
                                                                 int64 ServicesTable[]
          &LENOVO SECURITY SMI DISPATO
                                                               ServicesTable
                                        text:00000000000000310
                                                                                dq 85h
          0164,
                                       text:0000000000000318 off 318
                                                                                dg offset Handler 1
          &LENOVO SECURITY SMI DISPATCH
                                        text:00000000000000320
                                                                                dq 87h
    return 0x8000000000000003164;
                                       text:0000000000000328
                                                                                dq offset Handler 2
  if ( (SmstLocation->SmmLocateProtocol
                                        text:00000000000000330
                                                                                dq 88h
    return 0x80000000000000003164;
                                                                                dq offset Handler 3
  zeromem(&security_settings, 7ui64);
                                        text:00000000000000338
  if ( InitializeSecurityConfiguration
                                       text:0000000000000340
    return 0x8000000000000003164;
                                                                                align 8
                                       text:0000000000000342
  v3 = Handler 1;
    = 0i64;
  if ( Handler_1 )
    v5 = 0i64;
    do
      (*LENOVO_SECURITY_SMI_DISPATCH_PROTOCOL) (LENOVO_SECURITY_SMI_DISPATCH_PROTOCOL, ServicesTable[v5], v3);
      v5 = 2 * ++v4;
      v3 = ServicesTable[2 * v4 + 1];
    while (v3);
  return 0i64;
```

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Computrace SMI Handlers

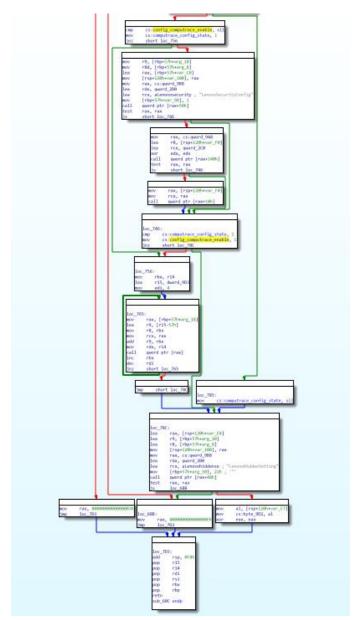
- > ComputraceEnable = 0x85
- > ComputraceDisable = 0x87
- > ComputraceState = 0x88



- ComputraceEnableAction = 0x8d
- ComputraceDisableAction = 0x8e

```
typedef struct {
  UINT8   Unknown1[4];
  UINT8   ComputraceState;
  UINT8   Unknown1[44];
} LENOVO_SCRATCH_DATA;
```

```
typedef struct {
 UINT8
          Unknown1[12]
 UINT8
          IntelTXT;
 UINT8
          Unknown2[5];
          UserFlashUpdate;
 UINT8
 UINT8
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 UINT8
          Unknown8;
          PwdCountError;
 UINT8
          Unknown9[6];
 UINT8
          DeviceGuard;
 UINT8
 UINT8
          Unknown10[80];
  LENOVO SECURITY CONFIG;
```



```
//0 = Disable 1 = Enable 2 = Permanent Disable
if (SecurityConfig.Computrace == 1) {
   ComputraceState->Enable = TRUE;
   else
   ComputraceState->Enable = FALSE;
}
```

SmiComputraceEnable = 0x85

```
#define COMPUTRACE_STATE_DISABLED
                                        0x20000000
#define COMPUTRACE_STATE_ENABLED
                                   0x40000000
#define COMPUTRACE_STATE_NOTSUPPORTED
                                       0x80000000
  if (Computrace->State == FALSE) {
    reg EAX |= COMPUTRACE_STATE_NOTSUPPORTED;
    return EFI_SUCCESS;
  if (Computrace->State == TRUE) {
    reg_EAX |= COMPUTRACE STATE_ENABLED;
    return EFI_SUCCESS;
```

SmiComputraceDisable = 0x87

```
typedef struct _COMPUTRACE_STATE {
   BOOLEAN Enabled;
   BOOLEAN Active;
   BOOLEAN Disabled;
   UINT8 DisableSecretKey[4];
} COMPUTRACE_STATE;
```

```
key_byte = cpu_regs->EBX;

ComputraceState.Active = TRUE;
ComputraceState.DisableSecretKey[0] = key_byte & 0xff;
ComputraceState.DisableSecretKey[1] = (key_byte & 0xff000) >> 8;
ComputraceState.DisableSecretKey[2] = (key_byte & 0xff0000) >> 16;
ComputraceState.DisableSecretKey[3] = (key_byte & 0xff000000) >> 24;
```

SmiComputraceDisable = 0x87

```
key match = TRUE;
         for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
           if (Key[i] != ComputraceState.DisableKey[i])
             key_match = FALSE;
                     <-not constant time</pre>
             break;
         if (key_match == FALSE) {
key byte
           DisableRetryCount++;
Computrac
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           cpu_regs->EAX |= COMPUTRACE_WRONG_KEY;
Computrac
                                                           16;
           return EFI SUCCESS;
Computrac
```

Brutforce Lenovo Computrace Disable Key

- Computrace Disable Secret Key
 - ✓ 1 BYTE secret value ② stored in SPI flash (NVRAM)
 - ✓ Can be different by laptop model line (my sweet victims p50 and t540p has a different keys)

```
for i in range(0,256):

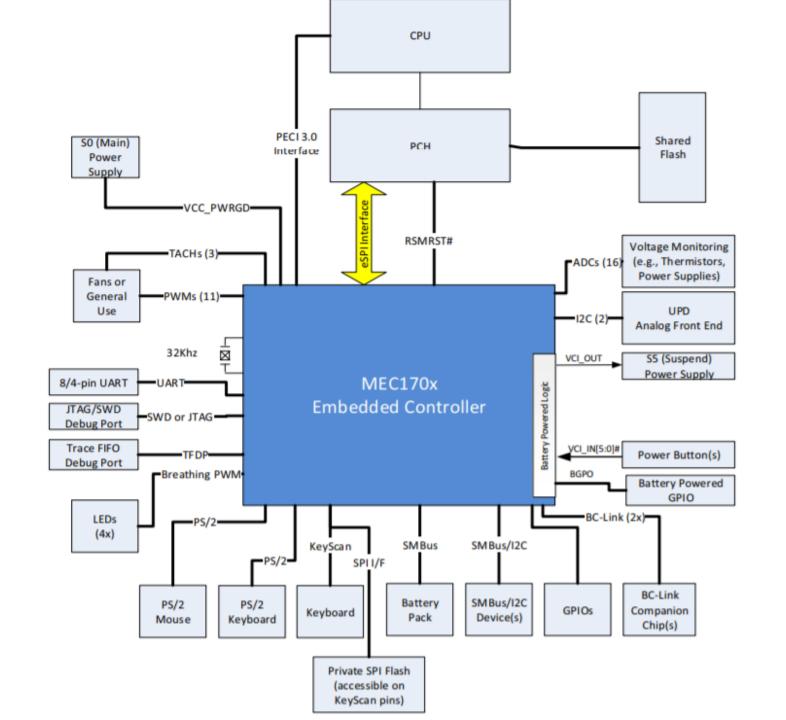
chipsec_util smi 0x0 0x85 0x0 hex(i)
```

```
Fuzz->Check->Repeat->Profit!
DisableSecretKey == 0x57 O_0
```



Embedded Controller is not a security boundary





```
[32]
[64]
2542AEFEC
                                            BAT
BAT
) EC
                                            BIN
ECO
                                            BAT
FLASH2
                                            BIN
ITE_WinFlash_V01
                                            exe
ITE_WinFlash_V01
                                            idb
ITEECDLL
                                            dll
■V01
                                            exe
```

```
if ( dword 410FEC )
  write port(dword 410FF4);
  printf("Send Erase Command...\n");
Sleep(0x64u);
printf("Erase Done\n");
if ( sub 401170() )
  printf("Return from Erase Checking: Done\n");
  if (!dword 410FEC)
    printf("Send Erase Command Again\n");
    write port(dword 410FF4);
    Sleep(0x64u);
  dword 410FE4 = 0;
  while (!sub 401220())
    printf("Programming the EC Firmware now.....\n");
    ++dword 410FE4;
    read port();
    read_port();
    write port(dword 410FF4);
    Sleep(0x64u);
  printf("The EC Firmware Programmed Done & Verification Success.\n")
  ++dword_410FF4;
else
  printf("Return from CheckDataFF: false\n");
  ++dword 410FF4;
```

More EC fun coming this summer Stay tuned!!



Summary:

- The usability in enterprise world in many cases the main enemy of security
- The vendors understand "Permanent Disable" option differently

When Hardware-based Root of Trust transfer the state of Chain of Trust to software, it's not hardware anymore



Thank you for your attention!

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